

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed June 23, 2005. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration with an eye toward allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges that Claims 28, 33, 35, 37, and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claims 28, 33, 35, 36, and 37 to incorporate the limitations in the underlying base claim and any intervening claims so that these independent claims are now in condition for allowance. Claim 38 was dependent from claim 37 and is now allowable without amendment.

Claims 29-32 are now amended to be dependent from Claim 33 and are allowable at least on same the basis of the underlying base claim and further because they add additional limitations.

Applicant has also amended rejected claim 22, which was one of the underlying base claims for the claims that were objected to and are now allowable, to include the limitation "*the computer being operable to execute an Internet browser application program; and the processor programmatically recognizing the intended launch or actual launch of the Internet browser and controlling the state of the data-store switch to make the second data store the only accessible data store when data is received from the Internet over the communications link*", as well as other amendments to the claim to provide antecedent basis for this added limitation. The added limitation is a modified version of the limitation that resulted in the allowability of Claim 28 which required "*the computer is operable to execute an Internet browser application program, the communications link comprises a communications link to the Internet, and the processor programmatically recognizes the intended or actual launch of the Internet browser and controls a state of the data-store switch to make the second data store the only accessible data store when data is received from the Internet over the communications link.*" Applicant respectfully submits that at least on this basis that claim 22 and claims dependent there from (Claims 23-27, 34, 39-42) are also in condition for allowance and requests same.

Claim 43 is a method claim that is analogous to the pending computer claims. Applicant has amended Claim 43 to further require the steps:

operating the computer system to execute an Internet browser application program within the processor;

programmatically recognizing the intended or actual launch of the Internet browser by the processor; and

controlling the state of the data-store switch to make the second data store the only accessible data store when data is received from the external device on the Internet over the communications link.

These elements are essentially the method step equivalents of the limitations in Claim 28. Other amendments were made to claim 43 to provide antecedent basis for the above recited method step limitations. Applicant submits that Claim 43 is now in condition for allowance as well as claims 44-47 dependent there from. Applicant notes that claims 45, 46, and 47 correspond substantially to the limitations in allowable claims 33, 35, and 37. Applicant has presented these claims at this stage of prosecution to round out the protection to which applicant is entitled and with the knowledge that as these features have been identified as being features that distinguish over the know cited prior art they do not raise issues that will require further search or examination.

Claims 15,16,19-27,29-32, 34, and 39-44 were rejected as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) s being anticipated by Huggins (U.S. Patent 5,894,551).

For business and economic reasons associated with product marketing and obtaining venture capital funding and without admitting the propriety of the prior-art rejection, Applicant has cancelled Claims 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 36, and 44 without prejudice to pursue them alone or in combination with other dependent claims that have been amended herein.

Claim 36 which was indicated as being a substantial duplicate of claim 35 has been cancelled.

Rejected claims 22 and 43 and claims dependent there from have been amended as indicated above to place them in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also amended other of the rejected and objected to claims so that they are now allowable, and have amended the remaining dependent claims to depend either directly or through an intervening claim to an allowable claim.

Applicant has also requested amendment of the title to better describe the content of the claims as allowable. Applicant requests amendment of the title from "**EXTERNAL REPAIR OF A COMPUTER**" with the replacement title --**COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING DATA STORE PROTECTED FROM INTERNET CONTAMINATION BY VIRUS OR MALICIOUS CODE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING** -- as indicated in the amendment to the Specification and Title section at page 2 of this paper.


In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims as now amended are in condition for allowance and requests such allowance.

Additional Comments

With these amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests allowance of same.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including but not limited to fees for additional claims not already paid for, for claims converted from dependent claims to independent claims, or for extensions of time petitions, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-70543-2/RMA (469217-1)).

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